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Selborne Hants
June 17th 1850

My dear Sir,

Your young friend Mr. Gomez faithfully executed the commission you entrusted him with of conveying to me your kind and valuable presents of pamphlets, but I regret to say that in consequence of his being put on board at Cowes of a boat going to Southampton instead of to Portsea, he was conveyed in a direction the very opposite to that he intended to take, and being obliged as he said in his note to be in London immediately, I was deprived of the pleasure of making his acquaintance and of being of your from his own mouth. I wrote to him at his London temporary

quarters to take him that should he at any time
visit this isle and I should be most happy to show
him any attention in my power and if he would only
give me timely notice I would manage to be in the
to receive him, a necessary proviso as at this season
I am almost constantly absent from home working
out by personal observation the flowers of the county
of Hants and the Isle of Wight of which more anon.
I was previously disappointed that you were not
the bearer of your own gift, being understood that
you were taking to visit England this year, and
I looked with no small pleasure to the probability
of having you for my guest at Eastmount. I fear
you have given up your intention of carrying the Atlas
this year as you say nothing about such a scheme
in your letter, and should you do so, I fear you will
arrive too late for me to enjoy the gratification of seeing
you in Old England, as I sail for the East in
August and intend remaining abroad till the
end of May or middle of June 1851. I am hoping on
bright look out demeanor for your amiable and
learned colleague Dr. Asa Gray who orders from
what you say to be arrived in this country it
be sailed about the 5th inst. but I have had no
tidings of his advent yet, though I write lately
to his son Hatcher begging him to apprize Dr.
Gray of my wish that he should pay me a visit
at Rhyde where I do wish to spend his doing be-
fore the time of my own departure arrives.
Will you be kind enough since I dare say many opportuni-
ties will offer themselves of doing so to convey to our worthy friend
Mr. Barry my esteemed respects at not responding to his kind
letter received (I speak it with shame) 15 months ago and the

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sending him the plants he wished for. The fact is, I had
no specimens of them at the time such as I conceived would
be of his acceptance, but I have been collecting examples of
Chenopodiums for him which I will try and get sent
off to New York before I quit England if possible,
but my time has been very much engrossed since his letter
came to hand, and I can assure him he is not the only
friend whom I greatly esteem and am under obligations to
for kindness received, that he comes to complain of promises
yet unfulfilled as regards the transmission of plants. To
Dr. Darlington I am greatly in arrears of such promised
contributions; and to several friends must never come
I am sensible of my short comings as compared with
my wish of rendering them the services in the
way of additions to their herbaria of specimens I have
long had ready for the bag, but not of sufficient
value or number to warrant me in putting him
to any expense for their freight across the Atlantic.
However if I see Dr Gray I will consign them to his
care having ample time after opportunity shall arise
permitting me to send them to New York before I
quit England through another and speedier channel.
I trust you will be able to convince him this I have not
been unmindful of his requests for certain British
plants, much less forgetful of so kind a friend as
I found in him when at New York. After this
confession I feel I have little right to accept your con-
kind offer to supply American plants, so willing observe
that should you have any spare duplicates illustrating
your excellent flora of the State of New York (a copy of
which I have at long length been fortunate enough to pro-
cure) and means of sending them over to this country without
trouble or expense to yourself I shall most thankfully
receive the boon. Having so much and so often failed in the
performance, I will not now promise to reciprocate the
favour, but will venture to say as much as this, that I shall
always esteem it a pleasure to supply you with any plants
of this country you may wish for on your hint and my power

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and the I look forward to being enabled to do after my return from the East and the discharge of my present pending obligations to Mess. Carey, Darlington &c. My own herbarium much encreased of late has been longer still in a sad state of confusion for want of room. I have letter lodged many additional papers made to contain these later accessions but now I cannot hope to do any thing towards getting their contents in order until my return home next year and that must be a winter job for in the summer I am perambulating this county and searching every nook and corner for plants. The number of indigenous and (completely) naturalised plants excluding also many cultivated ones as Cerealia &c. for the county of Hants exceeds 1000 species of flowering plants and ferns, almost all of which I have myself seen either from or in their natural stations and expect to make pretty numerous additions to them yet, having many botanical lookers out in different parts of the county who will not be asleep while I am away for a few months.

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Are you acquainted with Mr. Mr. Thomas and family of New York? They are now in this country, and I had the pleasure of receiving them at our house when in the Isle of Wight at the beginning of this present month, but their stay in the island was very limited. How I wish I could get you and Mr. Carey over here, can not you continue to put this wish in practice next summer; I should hope if spared to be back in June 1851, or I should be loth to miss the great exhibition of the Industry of all Nations which is to come off (mercifully I trust) next summer. My letter will be posted at Romsey or Winchester Churches (June 29th) may have written or gathered I shall say several at Lady's Cross different places between Selborne and this (Romsey) at the end of my long daily rambles over hill and dale. With my best respects to Mrs. Torrey and your family circle I had the pleasure of being amongst all Friends at home believe me ever yours very sincerely W. Thomas Bromfield.

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